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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN MISSION TO LUXEMBOURG

1. PAUL MERTZ, DEPUTY DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MFA, HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF NORTH KOREAN MISSION WHICH VISITED LUXEMBOURG MARCH 20-23. NO PUBLICITY AT ALL WAS GIVEN LOCALLY TO VISIT.

2. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW HAD FOR SOME TIME BEEN MAKING OVERTURES TO LUXEMBOURG AMBASSADOR MEISCH FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO LUXEMBOURG. GOL AGREED TO "PRIVATE VISIT" AND TO DISCUSSIONS WITH TWO OFFICIALS OF MFA, POLITICAL AFFAIRS DIRECTORATE, MERTZ, AND HELMINGER (RESPONSIBLE FOR EAST- WEST RELATIONS). NORTH KOREAN
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REQUEST TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER AND MFA SECGEN WAS
TURNED DOWN.

3. PARTY CONSISTED OF NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO MOSCOW,
NORTH KOREAN COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY, MOSCOW, ONE INTERPRETER
AND ONE SECRETARY. DURING THEIR FOUR- DAY STAY IN LUXEM-
BOURG, THE NORTH KOREANS WERE QUARTERED IN THE RUSSIAN
EMBASSY. IN FACT, SOVIET AMBASSADOR KOSSAREV CALLED
PRIME MINISTER PIERRE WERNER TO SECURE APPOINTMENT WITH
NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR, BUT WERNER SIMPLY REFERRED
MATTER TO MFA.

4. ACCORDING TO MERTZ, NORTH KOREAN PRESENTATION BOILED
DOWN TO TWO REQUESTS: 1) THAT LUXEMBOURG USE ITS INFLU-
ENCE WITH SOUTH KOREANS TO ASSUME FLEXIBLE STANCE IN
CURRENT TALKS AND 2) THAT LUXEMBOURG USE ITS INFLUENCE,
PARTICULARLY AMONG EC MEMBERS, IN FAVOR OF RECOGNITION
OF NORTH KOREA. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR ARGUED THAT
SINCE MOST OF THE EC MEMBER STATES HAD NOW RECOGNIZED
DRV, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT THEY ACCORD RECOGNITION
TO NORTH KOREA.

5. MERTZ SAID HE STATED GOL POSITION AS FOLLOWS. IT
WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR GOL TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH NORTH KOREA AS LONG AS THE TALKS BETWEEN
NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA HAD NOT PRODUCED ANY DEFINITIVE
RESULTS. IN SIMILAR INSTANCES, I. E., GERMANY AND VIET
NAM, LUXEMBOURG HAD RECOGNIZED EAST GERMANY ONLY AFTER
THAT COUNTRY HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE
FEDERAL REPUBLIC. SIMILAR REASONING APPLIED TO
VIET NAM AFTER PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE. MERTZ COMMENTED
THAT NORTH KOREA APPROACH WAS EXTREMELY RIGID AND
DOCTRINAIRE. MEMBERS OF MISSION REFUSED FLATLY TO BE
DRAWN OUT ON WHAT KIND OF A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT MIGHT
PREVAIL IN A UNITED KOREA.

6. ROK MISSION IN BRUSSELS APPEARS TO BE WELL INFORMED
ABOUT KOREAN MISSION TO LUXEMBOURG. ROK AMBASSADOR
HAD VISITED LUXEMBOURG ON FEB 28 AND ROK EMBASSY COUNSELOR
CAME TO LUXEMBOURG ON MARCH 27 FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMA-
TION WITH MFA. GALANTO

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